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SUBJ: OUT-DISTRICT VISA APPLICANTS-ITALIANS.

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1. AS WAS CASE EARLIER WITH ARGENTINES (REFA), WE HAVE IN RECENT WEEK SEEN A SPATE OF APPLICATIONS BY ITALIAN NATIONALS NOT RESIDENT IN VENEZUELA. ALSO WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES VIA DEPARTMENT REGARDING SOME OF THESE OUT-OF-DISTRICT APPLICANTS WHO HAVE CLOSE RELATIVES IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. WE WISH TO ALERT DEPARTMENT TO A DISTINCT PATTERN WHICH HAS DEVELOPED RECENTLY WHEREIN ITALIAN NATIONALS, OFTEN RESIDENT IN NAPLES CONSULAR DISTRICT COME TO VENEZUELA OSTENSIBLY TO VISIT RELATIVES HERE, BUT IN MANY CASES WITH CLEAR PRIOR INTENTION TO TRAVELLING ON TO UNITED STATES AS EVIDENCEE BY ONWARD TICKETS TO US. PURCHASED IN ITALY. WE ARE TOLD THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY IN CARACAS BY TRAVEL AGENTS IN ITALY WHO ALLEGEDLY ADVISE THAT CHANCES FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

IMPROVED OUTSIDE ITALY. WE HAVE EXPERIENCED HIGH RATE OF SEC. 245 ADJUSTMENTS BY ITALIAN CITIZENS WHO ARE ISSUED VISAS HERE.

IN ANY EVENT, IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO EVALUATE

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TIES ABROAD WHICH WOULD COMPEL OUT-OF -DISTRICT ITALIAN

CITIZENS TO LEAVE UNITED STATE AFTER TEMPORARY VISIT THEY
CLAIM THEY WISH TO MAKE. THEREFORE, IN LINE WITH PARA THREE,
REFTEL B, WE ARE REQUIRED TO REFUSE VISAS IN CASES WHERE POSITIVE
DETERMINATION REGARDING TIES ABROAD CAN NOT BE MADE.
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